crushing and delignifying a solid medium containing Lentinus edodes mycelia in the presence of water and one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of cellulase, protease and glucosidase to prepare a suspension, wherein said solid medium is based on bagasse and defatted rice bran; and

raising the temperature of said suspension to inactivate the enzymes;

wherein said extract enhances  $\gamma \delta T$  cell activity.

The extract of claim 14, which comprises carbohydrates, proteins, polyphenols, crude fat, crude ash and soluble nitrogen-free materials other than carbohydrates.

The extract of claim 14, which comprises approximately, 25.3% carbohydrates, 19.7% proteins, 2.6% polyphenols, 8% crude fat, 22% crude ash and 20% soluble nitrogen-free materials other than carbohydrates.

 $\mathcal{U}$ . The extract of claim  $\mathcal{U}$ , wherein said extract is capable of activating γδT cells in vitro.

 $f_{18}$ . A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition for enhancing  $\gamma \delta T$  cell activity, which comprises an extract of claim  $\frac{1}{14}$  and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.



The composition of claim , wherein said composition is suitable for oral administration.

The composition of claim 27, wherein said composition is prepared in the form of a food.

The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is prepared in the form of a drink.

22. The composition of claim 17, wherein said composition is prepared in the form of a feed.

23. The composition of claim 27, wherein said composition is suitable for injection or percutaneous administration.

24. A method of treating a tumor which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount the extract of claim 14 to enhance  $\gamma \delta T$  cell activity.

A method of treating a tumor which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount the extract of claim 16 to enhance  $\gamma\delta T$  cell activity.



A method of treating a bacterial or viral infection which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount the extract of claim  $\frac{1}{2}$  to enhance  $\gamma\delta T$  cell activity.

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27. A method of treating a bacterial or viral infection which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount the extract of claim 15 to enhance  $\gamma \delta T$  cell activity.

28. The method of claim 26 or 21, wherein said disease in an infection by Mycobacterium, spp.

27. The method of claim 26 or 21, wherein said disease in an infection by Listeria monocytogenes.

7. The method of claim 25 or 27, wherein said disease in an infection by Hepatitis A.

3. The method of claim 26 or 31, wherein said disease in an infection by Hepatitis B.

32. The method of claim 26 or 27, wherein said disease in an infection by Hepatitis C.



3. The method of claim % or %, wherein said disease in an infection by human immunodeficiency virus.

The method of claim % or 27, wherein said disease in an infection by vaccinia virus.--

